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Your submission for this review:

I TOTALLY object to the drastic increases of 18% for the first year and 7% in the following years. What is the consumer price index? Normal people may get a pay rise according to the CPI if they are lucky. Many people may not get pay rises each year. The proposed percentage increases are TOTALLY unacceptable. For a \$100 bill. the first year will become \$118, then for the following years will be \$126.26, \$135.10, \$144.55, \$154.67 and \$165.50 for the following 5 years. Which business can survive if they put on such an increase to customers? I think only the provider whose products are essential and people cannot survive without it, like water. I wish there are government bodies to regulation such increases. Our submissions are unlikely have any effect on their decision! Water comes from the sky and the Water Board just needs to purify it for our use. The drastic increase from the above calculation showed that there are more than 65% increase over 6 years and there are cumulative effects for the years to come too. If water rate increases in such a magnitude, all other walks will increase their prices. Please be considerate to the under privileged people. The rich people do not mind the increase and the pensioners may get subsidy from the government. It is the middle class that hit most. I object to the planned drastic increases and it hurt the economy of Australia.